Microwave Link Between India and Myanmar

1474. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new direct Telecommunication (Microwave) link between India and Myanmar has been inaugurated; and

(b) if so, by when the direct link is likely to be established, and its estimated cost and the other details thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Internet Facilities in the Villages

†1475. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in the country having been provided with the facility of internet and the details thereof; and

(b) by when the uplinking of all the villages of the country with internet is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Speed post service in District Headquarters

†1476. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of district headquarters in various States of the country where speed post service is not available;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.